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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION ROLE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the Department of Children and Families. The task force shall
3 (1) examine the department's prevention role and methods for
4 improving such role, including, but not limited to, the following: (A)
5 Whether the department should implement a state-wide differential
6 response system by July 1, 2009, and report to the General Assembly
7 on such system's implementation and effectiveness during the 2010
8 legislative session, and (B) whether the department should privatize
9 voluntary services; and (2) recommend any changes in the
10 department's prevention role including the costs associated with each
11 change, a time frame for implementation and any statutory changes
12 necessary to effectuate such recommendations.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 15 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;
- 18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
23 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
24 of the General Assembly.
- 25 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
26 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
27 filled by the appointing authority.
- 28 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
29 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
30 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
31 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
32 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
40 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
41 submits such report or January 1, 2010, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of issues concerning the prevention role of the Department of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]